

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT APPLICATION

In re: PATENT APPLICATION of:

Inventor(s): NOBUAKI TSUJI, et al.

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Examiner: Ori Nadav

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Title: SEMICONDUCTOR INPUT PROTECTION CIRCUIT

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Date: January 8, 2004

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Hon. Commissioner for Patents

PO Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450



Sir:

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER RULE 114**

Please continue the examination of this application.

**PREREQUISITES**

This application was filed on/after June 8, 1995, is not abandoned, and no court action has been filed, or if filed, it has been terminated.

An issue fee **has not been** paid (unless a petition under Rule 313(c)(2) is also being filed -- see item 4 below).

**Prosecution has been closed as defined in Rule 114(b).**

**Reply to any outstanding action must be enclosed or previously filed.**

This application is entitled under Rule 114 to withdrawal of any outstanding finality or of any allowance plus a new action by the Examiner. Consideration on the merits of each submission (e.g., IDS, Amendment, new arguments, new evidence, but not appeal/reply briefs themselves) filed herewith is respectfully requested.

Please consider the following before the next Official Action:

1. Please ☒ enter ☐ do not enter the Amendment filed
2. ☒ The enclosed new Preliminary Amendment
3. ☐ Consider the arguments in the appeal brief filed \_\_\_ and reply brief filed
4. ☐ The issue fee has been paid, but this RCE is based on Rule 313(c)(2). See enclosed petition.
5. ☐ The enclosed Information Disclosure Statement
 

☐ IDS Letter  
☐ PTO-1449

☐ Cited Appln

☐ Foreign Search Report/OA  
☐ Cited Documents
6. ☐ Please suspend action under Rule 103(c) for a period of \_\_\_ months (3 mos. Max) for which charge the required \$130 fee (fee code 1808) to our Deposit Account (see below).
7. Petition is hereby made to extend the original due date of October 8, 2003 to (1 mo) \$110/\$55  
 cover the date this Request is filed. PLEASE CHARGE the requisite fee to our (2 mos) \$420/\$210 + 950  
 Deposit Account (see below) (3 mos) \$950/\$475
8. PLEASE CHARGE the Rule 17(e) (RCE) filing fee of ☒ \$770 (lg. ent.) ☐ \$385 (sm. ent.) plus any deficiency and any other fee due now or later to our Deposit Account No. 03-3975 under Order No. 51270 / 277019

**NOTE: Rule 17(e) filing fee Cannot be deferred! NO CLAIMS FEE REQUIRED** unless you are adding claims by box 2 Amendment in which case cover this with PAT-120.

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NOTE: File this Request (plus enclosures, if any) in duplicate and with PTO receipt (PAT-103A)

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